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## Odle Named Interim Editor

Dr. Joe T. Odle, associate executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has been elected by the Executive Committee of the Board to serve as interim editor of the Baptist Record until the Board meets in September and elects an editor.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, in making the announcement, said that Dr. Odle began his new duties on July 15, succeeding Dr. W. C. Fields, editor the past three years who recently resigned to become secretary of Public Relations of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

## Alaska Has First Camp

ASILLA, Alaska — (BP)—William Hall Preston, student department worker of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, was principal speaker at the first state assembly of the Alaska Baptist Convention. His theme was, "Never Hit a Low Note."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sherer, foreign missionaries to Japan, were on leave and passing through Alaska. They visited the assembly and related their experiences and the history of Baptist work in Japan.

Baptist Lake here—site of the assembly—is a primitive wilderness, hidden among the hills on the western edge of the Matanuska valley. The lake is nearly a mile long and about one-half mile wide. 64 persons enrolled at this first state assembly.

Those attending camped in tents, and cooked, studied, and prayed together. Sleeping bags and air mattresses were loaned and arranged to make everyone as comfortable as possible.

### One Files In

Felton Griffin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Anchorage, 100 miles away, flew back and forth in his small plane, landing on the lake.

Miss Benita Brothers, Baptist student, summer missionary from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill., helped lead the campfire service at the close of each day.

Beh N. Hill, general missionary of Alaska Baptist Convention, was organizer and director of the state assembly. Attendance goal next year is 200, and dates are July 4-8.

## Little Rock Baptist High School Future Uncertain

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — (BP)—Baptist High School here will become a permanent educational institution or it will cease operating altogether, its management has declared.

Established originally by Ouachita Baptist College at Arkadelphia, Ark., the school is now operated by Baptist Education Foundation. It has provided secondary school education while public high schools in Little Rock were closed over the integration issue.

The foundation reported it had voted to "proceed on the basis of establishing a permanent, Christian academy provided there is sufficient interest and support for this type of school."

Enrolled 365

The school enrolled about 365 students during its one-year operation on an interim basis. Tuition charges of \$250 a year are necessary if the school assumes permanent standing.

Hardy L. Winburn, president of the group operating the school, added it had not been decided how many students would have to register to justify permanent existence. He said it would "undoubtedly be a small school" and have a "very basic curriculum."

The school operated last year in Second Baptist Church here but other quarters will be needed if the Baptist school reopens in September.

## CHURCHES IN OKLAHOMA TO DISCIPLINE

OKLAHOMA CITY — (BP)—Looking ahead to Oklahoma's first legal liquor traffic, to begin by Sept. 1, seven Baptist churches in Oklahoma have adopted resolutions prescribing exclusion for any member who associates with the liquor business.

Though most Southern Baptist churches adopt a "church covenant" in which members agree "to abstain from the sale of and use of, intoxicating drinks as a beverage," since repeal of prohibition in Oklahoma, some churches have spelled out discipline for violation of this part of the covenant.

## A SOUTHERN BAPTIST PAYS VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

By J. D. Hugley Jr.  
Southern Baptist Missionary To Europe

A dream beginning more than 15 years ago came true when on May 16 Dr. George W. Sadler and I arrived in Leningrad, Russia. When I was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board for work in Europe there was hope that I might some day in some way represent Southern Baptists in Russia. It will not be hard to imagine my joy over even a nine-day visit. We enjoyed the magnificent sights of Russia's two greatest cities, visited Orthodox seminaries and churches, and, most important of all, had a wonderful experience of fellowship with Russian Baptists.

The welcome we received exceeded all expectations. Since there had been no answer to the letters announcing our visit, we did not think it necessary to send a telegram about a last-minute change in schedule. Upon arrival at the Leningrad Baptist Church on Sunday morning, however, we found a welcoming committee on the outside and learned that Pastor Orlov and several other persons had been at the railroad station Saturday at midnight to meet us.

Large Congregations  
Dr. Sadler and I spoke briefly in both the morning and evening services to congregations of about 1,500, approximately half of them standing. We were deeply moved when, during the singing of "God Be With You," all of the people waved their handkerchiefs, as in farewell. The pastor and two of his assistants entertained us for dinner and tea in a restaurant.

When we landed in Moscow after a jet flight from Leningrad we found Rev. Alexander Karev, secretary of the "All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians—Baptists," and one of the assistant pastors of the Moscow Baptist Church at the airport to welcome us. The next day we had dinner with the Baptist lay-

ders in the building which serves as church and national Baptist headquarters. There was a large hall, a small hall, a kitchen, a dining room, a living room, a study, a library, a room for the land and buildings churches need.

On Thursday night Dr. Sadler and I preached to about 1,500 people in one of the six weekly services of the Moscow Baptist Church; and on Sunday morning we spoke briefly to the more than 2,000 people crowded into the building which has seats for 1,100. When we left Moscow two of the leaders were at the airport to see us off, and we carried with us beautiful gifts to remind us that Russian Baptists cherish the ties which bind them.

AT BROTHERHOOD ENCAMPMENT—Rev. E. L. Howell, state Brotherhood secretary, points to poster in front of pulpit in auditorium at Kittiwake Assembly during the Brotherhood Encampment last week-end. Facing him at right is Fred Forester, Louisiana State Brotherhood secretary. Standing behind, looking on, are Z. R. Hastings Jr., Bruce Layman (left) and George Credille, Belmont layman.

## Canadian, Southern Baptists Cooperate

KINGSTON, Ont. (RNS)—Ministers of the Southern Baptist Convention (in the U. S.) now serving in Canada are getting "along fine" with Baptist Federation clergy, the Baptist Federation of Canada was told at its fifth triennial assembly here.

The Rev. W. B. King of Toronto, Southern Baptist liaison officer, told delegates that an outcry against an invasion of Canada by Southern Baptists had all been a misunderstanding. "We did not know who was who when individuals from Western Canada first came to us and asked if we would open Southern Baptist churches in this country," Dr. King said.

"We didn't know the difference between convention, fellowship and Regular Baptists," he added. "It took a long time, but eventually we set up a committee of Canadians and SBC ministers and now we get along fine."

Now the resources of the Southern Baptist Convention are made available to Canadian Baptists, he said. Among the resources included the loan of evangelist films for television which have been shown in Canada.

Known to Each Other  
Dr. T. B. McDormand, federation general secretary-treasurer, said the joint committee "has made our two Baptist bodies known to each other and has made us aware of the ways

in which we can help each other."

He added that "several irritating episodes have come under review . . . and in every case amicable handling of the matters was possible because we are partners in Christ's cause."

Southern Baptist evangelists and Christian education leaders have conducted crusades in Western Canada by invitation, Dr. McDormand said. So successful were they that three more have been set up for Northern Alberta, Northern Saskatchewan and Saint John, N. B.

New Churches Needed  
Dr. King said he had "seen a thousand places across this country where there should be a new Baptist church, and the fact that you build a church doesn't mean that you are trying to fight with other denominations. Above all, we Baptists must try to be positive."

Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., told the delegates that "there wouldn't be so many Communists if they had a Christian fellowship to turn to."

He said the Southern Baptist Convention welcomed co-operation at all times. "At all basic points of Christianity we agree," he said. "It is when we start to talk about the church that our language separates us and our ideas divide us."

## Editors Air Opinions About SBC 'Invasion'

By the Baptist Press  
Ministers of the American Baptist Convention, at a nationwide conference in Des Moines, Ia., in June, debated the topic, "The Southern Baptist Invasion: Right or Wrong?"

Three speakers—two pastors of the American Convention, and one from the Southern Baptist Convention—presented various phases of the question, and the topic then was open to floor discussion.

Blake Smith, pastor of University Baptist Church, Austin,

### Annie Armstrong Is Only \$18,000 Shy Of Objective

Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, announced today that the Annie Armstrong Offering is only \$18,000 short of the goal of two million dollars. This was according to receipts through the end of June.

Tex., was invited as the Southern Baptist participant. In his address, he said establishment of Southern Baptist churches had "gotten out of hand" in what American Baptists have considered their territory.

But Smith also pointed out reasons why Southern Baptist people now in non-Southern states do not feel at home in American Baptist churches, and laid a share of the blame at the feet of American Baptists. He also reported that Southern Baptists were "there to stay" as far as any work in non-Southern states is concerned.

Editors Have Spoken  
Since this ministers' conference debate, editors of Southern Baptist state papers have spoken their minds. Most references to the address have been critical, but not all.

What has been the reaction? Seen from the editors' desks, it is: First, that Smith spoke for himself and did not represent

Southern Baptists. One said he sounded more like an American (Continued on Page 2)

## Carey College New Member State Foundation

William Carey College has been granted membership in the Mississippi Foundation of Independent Colleges, Incorporated, President Ralph Noonkester announced. The other member colleges are Belhaven College, Blue Mountain College, Millsaps College and Mississippi College.

Through the Foundation business firms and industry contribute to the support of the independent colleges of Mississippi. In 1968 over sixty business firms contributed over \$60,000 to the fully accredited, four-year, independent colleges of Mississippi.

Dr. Jack L. Lyall

## Music Head Named

The Mississippi College Board of Trustees has approved the appointment of Dr. Jack L. Lyall as head of the music department and professor of music, announces President R. A. McLemore.

Dr. Lyall will assume his duties at the Baptist College on Sept. 1. He presently is professor of music at Mississippi Southern College, and was formerly chairman of the fine arts department at William Carey College.

Graduate Okla. A. & M.  
A graduate of Oklahoma A. & M. University, where he has also taught voice and music education. For three years he was head of the voice department at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

Dr. Lyall has taught in various Oklahoma high schools, as well as those of Passaic, N. J. He has served as minister of music with several Baptist churches, and is author of

## STANLEY JONES: COMMUNISM IS LOSING ATTRACTION

QUINCY, Mass. (EP)—"Communism is losing its attraction." So stated E. Stanley Jones, missionary-evangelist just returned from a world tour at an "ashram" (spiritual retreat) here at Eastern Nazarene College.

Jones declared that the peoples of Asia, "welcomed Communist doctrine as the answer to their woes, but now a big question is being raised. The old is dead, the new has not been born, and the Far East faces emptiness."

Communism, he maintains, has "promised material things, but people realize that even after they get these things, there is going to be an emptiness. It is the challenge of Christianity to enter that emptiness with fullness."



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## University Journal Appraises Graham's Australian Crusade

SYDNEY, Australia (RNS) — The Billy Graham Crusade in Australia was the evangelist's "most successful" and attracted wider support than any similar effort in this country, according to the Current Affairs Bulletin of the University of Sydney.

In an 8,000-word analysis of the campaign, the bulletin said the crusade's success to some "represents mass hysteria, to others . . . the hand of God." Cited among reasons for its success were the quality of its organization, its interdenominational character and the reassurance many church leaders had from the Archbishop of Canterbury's support of Mr. Graham's crusade in Britain.

"It is possible in spiritual matters as well as secular," the bulletin declared, "Australians will respond more keenly than most most peoples to a voice from America."

The journal said that of the larger religious groups in Australia, Baptists gave the most support to the crusade. Next followed the Churches of Christ, Methodists, Presbyterians and Anglicans.

### Support Widespread

"Although Mr. Graham doubtless regretted that Protestants were not unanimously in favor of the crusade," the bulletin continued, "the support seems to have been widespread, and more intense, than in any other country."

It is too early to assess the long-term effect of the crusade, the bulletin said. It added, however, that "thousands of people are certainly going to church now who were not four months ago."

"Ministers of all Protestant denominations now face the

problem of absorbing into the life of the ordinary congregation newcomers recruited by a man of rare talent in a unique campaign," the bulletin stated.

The crusade "cheered hundreds of ministers" and "invigorated thousands of the laity, who have been more active for their churches as counselors, ushers, visitors and prayer-partners—than ever in their lives," the article said.

Meanwhile, an opinion poll showed that most Australians consider the evangelist "one of the greatest Christian figures of the century."

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to their brothers and sisters of other lands.

In Russian Baptist churches one receives an impression of spirituality and earnestness. There is obviously deep significance in the religion of those who are willing to stand for two or more hours in a crowded church to worship and hear the gospel. The singing (most of the people are without hymnbooks) seems to well up from the souls of the congregation.

### Indelibly Stamped

Stamped indelibly on my memory is the face of a young man in Moscow who stood with rapt attention during the entire service and blinked hard many times to keep back his tears. But this face is only one of many which change from smiles to tears and back again to smiles in the course of a service.

Many of the church attendants are old people, the majority of them women. But there are also young people. They are not so evident from the pulpit, for none of them occupy seats and most of them stand in the back. Pastor Orlov in Leningrad and Pastor Jacob Zhidkov in Moscow are both in their 70's, but younger men serve in both places as assistant pastor and preachers. We were told that the churches prefer older men as pastors but that when these pass from the scene there will be young men to take their places.

### Have Little Training

Most of the young men are without formal ministerial training, since Russian Baptists do not have facilities for a theological seminary. A few have studied in England in recent years. One of these, the son of the Leningrad pastor, is a dental surgeon and an assistant pastor in Moscow. Another, the son of the Moscow pastor, is also an assistant pastor in Moscow. Russian Baptists hope to send some students to the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Zurich, Switzerland, in 1960.

The pressure of atheism apparently takes a heavy toll among young people. Our attractive young guide in Moscow said she had never been in a church until she went with us and that she had never known anybody who was religious. She listened with mixed interest and skepticism to our account of Christian beliefs and history. Young Zhidkov felt perfectly free to talk to her about becoming a Christian, and he gave her some Gospels in English.

### Dangers And Problems

Common dangers and problems have brought the Baptists and the members of the Orthodox churches closer together than they have ever been before. Dr. Sadler and I visited two Russian Orthodox academies for higher theological study



## Odle Named . . .

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Board.

He is a native of Illinois but has been in Mississippi since 1943 when he became pastor of First Church in Crystal Springs. Dr. Odle has conducted revivals in many states and has participated in mission tours to Alaska, the Bahama Islands and just last month to Europe and the Holy Land.

He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Harry Odle. His father, also a Baptist preacher, died in 1917. He was converted at 13, preached his first sermon at 15 and ordained at 17.

The new interim editor married Miss Mabel Riley of Kentucky. Sarah, a daughter, is a senior at Mississippi College. Their only son, Joe Thomas, a preacher-student at Mississippi College, died four and a half years ago following a brief illness.

tist New Mexican, speaking from previous experience in an area where both groups have churches, asked this question: "What are we to do? Shall we say the Great Commission doesn't apply to the people who live (in a certain community), because there is some kind of a Baptist church over in the next county?"

He said "invasion" charges had been leveled when the newly-organized Southern Baptist mission "was eight miles away and across a toll bridge" from the complaining American Baptist congregation.

### Led of Spirit

Several editors described the Southern Baptist expansion into new areas as being led of the Holy Spirit. These editors included R. G. Puckett of Ohio Baptist Messenger, McDonald of Arkansas, and Gritz of Oklahoma.

Puckett and Willis J. Ray of the Rocky Mountain Baptist, Denver, Colo., expressed similar sentiments. Puckett reported, "Let me clearly state that Southern Baptists did not come to Ohio to jeopardize the programs of the established churches already in state."

Ray stated it: "Southern Baptists are not in the North to disturb or steal any of the American Baptists, Conservative Baptists, Fundamental Baptists, or Independent Baptist churches."

The Colorado editor mentioned three reasons for "Southerners working in the North": "69 per cent . . . are unchurched; thousands of converts have no Baptist church; and Southerners moving North have wanted Southern Baptist churches."

But L. L. Carpenter of North Carolina's Biblical Recorder differed: "We would agree that this practice of sending missionaries and establishing Southern Baptist churches in . . . American Convention territory has been carried too far." He urged a "reasonable comity agreement."

Another Carolinian, J. Marse Grant, editor of Charity and Children, posed the question, "Will the two Baptist conventions merge in the next 15 or 25 years?"

Over the entrance to the traffic court in Memphis, Tenn., there is a sign which reads: "Don't complain. Think of the many summonses you have deserved, but didn't get!"

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quibbling and get back to the main task of evangelism.

James O. Duncan, Washington, acting editor of the weekly Capital Baptist, serves a local convention which supports both the American and Southern Baptist Conventions. Thus, his appraisal—from a first-hand view of both groups—carries added weight.

### Duncan Speaks

His points: Both conventions have made "distinctive" contributions. Both have engaged in false accusations. Charges of "liberalism" against American Baptists, he said, can be answered with the statement that some Southern Baptists could also be so accused.

Claims that Southern Baptists are an "uneducated, irresponsible group" were met with the reply that Southern Baptists own and operate 70 educational institutions above high school level, Duncan went on.

In addition, he cited organization of American Baptist churches in Missouri—with subsequent formation of an American-related state convention—as evidence that the northern group is at work in a predominantly Southern Baptist state. Duncan declared that "One of the tragedies of our day is that there is not a way in which the pastors of the two Conventions can get to know one another."

Kentucky Editor Comments C. R. Daley of the Western Recorder, Middletown, Ky., said Southern Baptists should not resent this discussion by American Baptists. "With the shoe on the other foot, we would have been discussing them long ago," he continued.

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THE G. A. CORONATION of First Church, Philadelphia, was held on May 31, the theme, "Jewels for His Kingdom." Mrs. Roy Collum presented the girls, Mrs. Edna Johnson and Mrs. Nelda Lewis issued the charges. Mrs. Kenneth Lewis is W. M. U. president; Mrs. Carey Livingston is G. A. Director, Rev. Roy Collum is pastor. There were six Maidens, nine Ladies-in-Waiting, three Princesses, five Queens and five Queens-With-A-Scepter.

## Editors Air . . .

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Baptist pastor. Still others, though a definite minority, viewed his arguments as having merit and deserving consideration by Southern Baptists.

Second, that Southern Baptists indeed are "there to stay." There are enough differences in doctrinal interpretation and church practice to create a need for separate churches.

Third, that Southern Baptists should not establish churches in non-Southern states in a spirit of competition, but neither should they neglect an opportunity to implant a Baptist witness in an area without a Baptist church. Several agreed that a few individual Southern Baptists had erred in competitive church extension, but declared these were exceptions and not common practice.

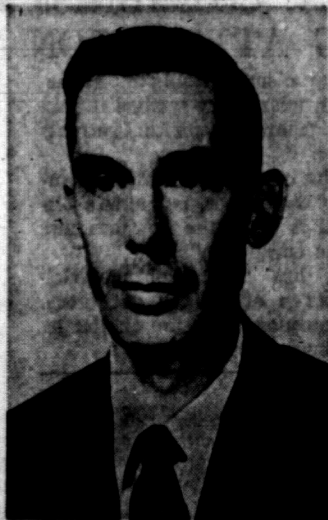
### Should Not Resent

Fourth, that Southern Baptists should not resent the issue being brought into the open.

Fifth, that it is no "invasion" of someone else's exclusive territory but an "expansion" brought on to meet an evident need and resulting also from population shifts in which Southern Baptist church members have moved into non-Southern states.

Sixth, that both American and Southern Baptists are guilty of "false charges" against one another, some Southerners claiming American Baptists "are not Christian" and some American Baptists charging that Southern Baptists are interested "only in statistics."

Seventh, that it's time to quit



Rev. Murray Guthrie

## EUDORA CALLS NEW PASTOR

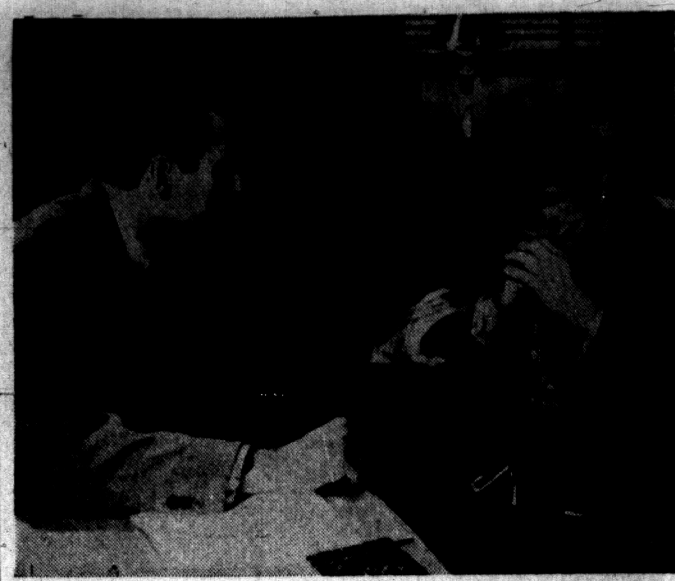
The new pastor of the Eudora Church is Rev. Murray Guthrie.

Mr. Guthrie hails from Jasper, Ala., where he graduated from high school. He is also a graduate of Howard College at Birmingham, Ala., and has just received his degree from the Seminary at New Orleans.

He is married and has three children, two boys, 6, and 14 months, and a girl, 2. He has been pastor of several Baptist churches, including the one at Jasper.

The members of the Eudora Church had a miscellaneous shower for their new pastor and his family at the pastor's home on his arrival.

Rev. Guthrie succeeds Rev. John Brown, who resigned to accept the pastorate of Nesbit



TV FILM ON ALCOHOLISM—New York—An episode showing the evils and cure of alcoholism was included in the televised filmed series entitled "This is the Answer," produced by the Southern Baptist Convention and shown locally throughout the country. The program was called "With His Help," and told the story of Bob Turner's cure with the aid of his friends. Photo shows a scene from the episode during which Dr. Thompson (left) attempts to console alcoholic Turner.—RNS Photo.

## Revival Dates

Riverside (Harrison): July 19-26; Rev. Hugh Albert Martin, Gulfport Heights, Gulfport, evangelist; Harold Taylor, song leader; Rev. R. S. Parker, pastor.

Hillsboro: July 19-26; Dr. R. E. Glaze, Professor at New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Rev. Howard Benton, pastor and song leader.

Big Ridge (Gulf Coast): July 19-26; Rev. Fred S. Roth, pastor and evangelist; Rev. J. C. Pinson, pastor at Lyman, song leader.

Shady Grove (Copiah): July 19-24; Rev. Ivor Clark, pastor of First Church, Macon, will be the evangelist. Rev. V. R. Cridder is pastor.

Paul Truitt Memorial (Rankin): July 19-24; Rev. James Francker, Florence, evangelist; Miss Chloa Fussell, song leader; Rev. J. L. Reeves, pastor.

Goodwater: July 19-24; Rev. Judd Allen, pastor, Center Terrace C. A. N. O., evangelist; George Farr, Oakland Heights Church, song leader; Rev. C. E. Tosh, pastor.

Macedonia (Lincoln): July 19-24; Dr. Wyatt Hunter, pastor First Church, McComb, evangelist; Hollis Conn, song leader; Rev. A. W. Talbert, pastor.

Long Lake (Wazee): July 17-19; Rev. Paul Lee, pastor, Peach Orchard Baptist Church, New Orleans, La., evangelist; Kendal Smith, First Church, Vicksburg, song leader; Rev. Hugh T. Smith, pastor.

Andrews Chapel (Rankin): July 19-25; Rev. William Dennis, pastor, will be the evangelist; D. Moon will lead the music; services at 7:30 p. m.

Meirose Church (Yazoo): July 19-25; Services 7:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Lincoln Newman, associate secretary of missions, Cooperative Missions Dept., evangelist; Rev. Graves Collins, pastor, will lead the music.

New Zion (Leake): July 12-17; Rev. Joe Royalty, Jackson, evangelist; Rev. W. L. Stroud, pastor.

Bethsaida (Neshoba): July 19-24; Rev. Roy Self, Southside Church, Yazoo City, evangelist; Rev. Paul McDonald, pastor.

Mt. Pleasant (Amite): July 19-24; Rev. Wayne E. Sterling, Pioneer Church, Wilkinson County, evangelist; Rev. Marvin Crimm, pastor. (Dinner will be served on the grounds July 19).

Union Seminary (Jasper): July 19-24; Rev. Kenneth Haag, Atlanta, Georgia, evangelist; Rev. Don Fowler, pastor.

"How can I keep a boy out of the cookie jar?" "Lock the cookie jar and hide the key under a bar of soap."

CALVARY CHURCH, Jackson held a G. A. Coronation service with the following participants (above) receiving awards: Jane May, Queen (her crown bearer was Susan Rayburn); Princesses—Becky Hendrick, Linda Thompson, Linda Kay, Nancy Deaf, Mary Ruth Lumpkin, Gwen Robbins, Rosemary Pyle, Patricia Wallace, Gloria Foster, Mary Ellen Brown, Susan Sylvester, Kay Littlejohn, Becky Bryant, Margaret Matlock, Ladies-in-Waiting, Maurine Webb, Geri Sullivan, Linda Caston, Sarah Ann Thurman, Linda McGuffie, Martha Jo Bryant, Marsha Foster, Sharon Kidd, Judy Little; Maidens—Susie Gray, Donna Foster, Kay Jones, Ginger Cooke, Lou Ann Lumpkin, Rita Gall Dacus, Judy Lipscomb, Teri Sims, Gail Ramsey, and Ruby Wall.



**A Report By Rabbi Arthur Gilbert, U. S. A.**

A black and white photograph of a simple wooden frame structure, possibly a fence or a small building, set against a dark, textured background. The structure consists of several vertical and horizontal wooden poles. The background is dark and grainy, suggesting a night scene or a heavily shadowed area. The overall mood is somber and stark.

## Near Tel Aviv

## Has Full Support

Recently the center expanded to include a teacher's seminary where instructors from Baptist schools in Nazareth and Jerusalem can attend post-graduate

## Earned Good Name

## May Advance

## Reporter Gets Standard Post

McGregor will replace Walker Knight, the previous associate editor, who recently accepted the position of editorial service secretary, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Ga.

**PICNICS AND BOATING** on the Yaron River, with Pastor-missionary Robert Lindsey are exciting times on summer evenings.

**LIKE CHILDREN EVERYWHERE** these at our children's home like to sing hymns together.

**WORKING IN THE SOIL** helps the young to grow straight and strong, as well as to grow all vegetables used at the center.

**GIRLS IN ARAB FAMILIES** often have no opportunity to go to school but in this Baptist school they are taught in classes along with the boys.

## American Body Dedicates New Site

Valley Forge, Pa. (B)—  
 Official dedication of the grounds for new American Baptist Convention headquarters took place here July 5.  
 Edwin H. Tuller, New York, general secretary of the Convention, gave the response to the welcome by  
 A prayer of dedication was offered by Herbert J. Gezork, Newton Centre, Mass., president of the American Baptist Convention and also president of Andover Newton Theological School.

**A J. Glaze**, member and deacon of the Pelahatchie Church for 38 years, was honored by the church on Sunday, July 5, his 77th birthday, by the placing of the book, "Christ of the Gospels" in the church library.

Claude U. Broach, pastor, St. John's Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., Norman W. Cox, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Convention—Historical Commission, Nashville, Tenn., Ralph A. Herring, pastor, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., J. W. MacGorman, professor of New Testament, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., Luther Joe Thompson, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., H. Clayton Waddell, professor of Social Ethics, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, La., Wayne E. Ward, associate professor of Theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and Loren Williams, Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

If plans set-in motion by Mr. Klaupiks materialize, these Baptist individuals and families will be relocated in Australia establishing new homes and working in new jobs. There also will be a new Baptist old people's home for refugees, located in Sydney.

Fleming also stipulated that in a nine-month period the convention churches were to baptize 3,583 converts to be eligible for his offer. Incomplete reports indicate that this goal also is in sight, according to McKay.

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This year Dr. Lyall is serving as lieutenant governor of the Mississippi division of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

Mrs. Lyall is the former Marianne Thomas. The Lyalls have six children: Larry, 16; Jerry, 14; Barry, 13; Harry, 12; Susan, 7 and Tommy, 2.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(EP)—“Good progress” in reducing the amount of obscene literature being sent to children through the mails has been reported by Postmaster General Summerfield. But he cautions: “Persistent intensive action on a nationwide scale will be necessary for a long time to come.”

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## Some Words On Departure

By the time you read these words, this writer will be "the former editor" of The Baptist Record.

On a midsummer day, in mid-week, we move over to some new duties in Nashville—and, with deep feelings in all directions.

In the midst of much coming and going in the Lord's service we have found that there are always grounds for joyous anticipation. Therefore, we accept with pleasure the challenge of new work with the SBC Executive Committee.

At the same time we confess to a considerable mixture of feelings in leaving the scene of three very happy years.

Among the tasks which the Lord has assigned to this servant through the years, none has been more thoroughly delightful than editing this publication.

It has been a great privilege to work alongside the mighty host of Baptist people in this state.

As Paul said to the Philippians, we would say to Mississippians, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."

## Dr. Joe Odle, Interim Editor

A most fortunate state of affairs makes it possible for Dr. Joe T. Odle to serve as interim editor.

The Executive Committee has asked him to serve in this office until the Convention Board meets in September. At that time a permanent editor will be elected.

Dr. Odle has had broad experience as a pastor, denominational leader, author, and administrator.

He was an unusually successful pastor and is highly respected for his practical knowledge and his understanding of Baptist life in all areas.

He has been an effective writer for many years. His writings have gone all over the Southern Baptist Convention and into several foreign countries.

Dr. Odle brings to the editor's office not only proven abilities but also the marvelous spirit of a devoted and dedicated Christian.

We commend him to you in the full confidence that his work in this field, as in all others, will be done well.

## Tribute To Noble Associates

The task of publishing your state paper is shared by many people who are competent in their work, devout in their faith, and altogether wonderful team-mates.

Joe Abrams is a tireless worker whose services will continue to be valuable for many years to come. This editor could not have found a more congenial or more helpful associate.

J. E. Lane has faithfully given years of his life to Mississippi Baptists. Anne McWilliams works as a Jack-of-all-trades and does well at the job. Mrs. Doss Smith, Mrs. Roy Womack, Pat Tullos, Mrs. Preston Hughes, and Mrs. Linnie Temple make up a splendid staff and their work has been an inspiration.

Mr. and Mrs. Duke Thornton of Thornton Publishers, Inc., our contract printers, and Guy Sykes, printshop foreman, have shown the patience of Job and the skill of Gutenberg in doing excellent work with the paper.

This editor will always have abiding appreciation for the counsel, helpfulness, and cooperation of The Baptist Record Advisory Committee, the Convention Board, and Executive Committee, the people of Mississippi, and the churches, and departments of Baptist work in the state.

A special place of gratitude is in the heart of this writer for the friendship, wisdom and extraordinary abilities of Dr. Chester L. Quarles. His marvelous spirit continues to be a tower of strength in Mississippi and across the entire Southern Baptist Convention.

And what more shall we say of multitudes up and down the Magnolia State who serve Christ faithfully and whose lives are a lingering inspiration—people of whom the world is not worthy!

May God continue to bless you in the great work whereunto He has called you.

## Adieu

"And so at last it may be, you and I,  
In some far realm of blue infinity  
Shall find together some enchanted shore  
Where life and death and time are no more,  
Leaving love only, and eternity."



GOD'S SUMMERTIME—"Thou hast made summer and winter." Ps. 74:17 (RSV).—(RNS Photo.)

## Adventures With God In The Island Of Puerto Rico

By Chuck Longino

Perhaps nature worship was the one predominant religion among the Borinquen Indians when Columbus stopped for water at a little uncharted, unnamed island in the Caribbean sea, but soon afterwards the Spanish Conquistadors brought their form of Christianity to the island. When Ponce de Leon was governor of the island, then called St. John the Baptist, Roman Catholicism was the state religion and, practically speaking, the only religion.

Highways, skyscrapers, institutions and parks in Puerto Rico are named for F. D. R. for it was during his administration that the U. S. Government began to help her under the "Good Neighbor Policy." It was during his time that Puerto Rico felt the impact of industrialization. With industrialization came a great flux in population. Among these new-comers were people of practically every Christian denomination and some others besides. Protestant groups began to establish work on the island. Their progress was slow, for today only 10 per cent of the population is Protestant.

### Cottage Prayer Meetings

Among the inhabitants of Ramey Air Force Base were a group of Southern Baptists. Not satisfied with the ritualism of the Catholics, nor the psychological approach of the American Baptists, they started having cottage prayer meetings and began praying that the Lord would help them to start Southern Baptist work on the island. In August of 1956 Sunday School and worship services were begun in the Ramey country club. The Southern Baptist Group grew and on September 19, one month after the first worship service was held, a motion was made to invite Rev. Charles Clark from the Travis Ave., Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, to visit with the group for a week or two with a view to ask him to become the pastor.

### 118 Present

Brother Charles Clark and his wife returned to be present for the service on November 4, 1956, when 118 were present in Sunday School.

The Southern Baptist Group was organized as the Borinquen Baptist Church to be associated with the Tampa Bay Association and Florida State Convention to be a cooperating Southern Baptist Church on November 18, 1956. The pastor of the 1st Baptist Church of Tampa and his Missions Committee

Chairmen were present for the organization. That day six deacons were ordained.

The first revival services were held in the pastor's back yard under a borrowed tent.

Three acres of land was purchased by the Building Com-

mittee and the structure was started. The sanctuary had three open sides because of the year-round summer and the need for ventilation. The Sunday School rooms were built separately in the form of Indian thatched shelters, the thatching done with palm leaves.

### Made Progress

The Borinquen Baptist Church has made phenomenal progress in the past three years. When the English work was advanced enough to support an assistant pastor the Spanish work was begun. A graduate of our Southern Baptist Seminary in Costa Rica, Rev. Enrique Perez, was called and became the preacher to the nationals of the church. The church now has over 200 members and is still growing steadily.

This is the story of the beginning of Southern Baptist work in Puerto Rico, an island of almost 3 million people. And this article marks the first of a series concerning adventures with God in Puerto Rico.

## Calendar of Prayer

July 20 — Mrs. Lee Gallman, Seminary Extension Department; Miss Ellen Davis, Carey College faculty.

July 21 — Thomas T. Newell, Miss College faculty; Miss Elizabeth Hutchins, Blue Mountain College faculty.

July 22 — Hattie Johnson, Baptist Book Store; Mrs. W. E. Hannah, State W. M. U. Community Missions Chairman.

July 23 — Hansel Rogers, Chickasaw Assoc. Brotherhood President; James C. Redding, DeSoto Associational Missionary.

July 24 — Mrs. Rachel Pyron, Baptist Building; Mrs. Joan Herring, Baptist Building.

July 25 — Miss Gordy Hughes, Clarke Assoc. Music Director; Fred Yeats, Clay Assoc Music Director.

July 26 — Mrs. Yvonne Hartner, faculty, Gilfoy School of Nursing; Mrs. Lee Crawford, Alcorn Assoc. W. M. U. President.

## 26 Receive Pens

Twenty-six people in the Sunday School of the Pelahatchie Church received pens for perfect attendance, with a grade of 100 per cent each Sunday, on Sunday, July 5, for the third quarter of the church year. Rev. Robert Foy is pastor.

## Pages From The Past

By I. L. Boyd, Sr.

### 50 YEARS AGO

The Seaboard Church closed a two weeks meeting with 20 additions to the church membership. Pastor A. T. Cindamon being assisted by Rev. M. E. Saly of Fulton, Kentucky.

### 40 Years Ago

The Motion Church enjoying the preaching during the revival meeting of Rev. W. R. Cooper who assisted Pastor J. C. Parker. There were 15 additions to the membership, 11 of them by baptism.

Pastor W. H. Thompson reports a good meeting in his church at Forest in which he was assisted by Rev. J. C. Greenoe of Vicksburg, resulting in thirty-three accessions to the church, twenty-five of them by baptism.

### 25 Years Ago

A history of the Lena Baptist Church, written by E. M. Chambers tells of its organization in August 1848. The Presbytery was made up of Elders of J. M. Chambers, L. P. Murrill, and William Denson. It was organized with twelve members and first known as Friendship Church. Moved to town of Lena in 1946 and name changed to Lena Baptist Church. In the early years the church received members in four ways: baptism, letter, restoration and recantation. Rev. T. E. Morris served longest as pastor—30 years; and G. M. L. F. White has longest record as church clerk—23 years.

### ACORN SALVE

Don't worry if your job is small  
And your rewards are few;  
Remember that the mighty oak  
Was once a nut like you.

A little girl was asked what kind of ice cream she would like to have. After hesitating a few minutes she replied, "I think vanilla would look best on my dress."

# The Baptist Forum

## Comments Musician From Mississippi

Miss Jacqueline Polk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Polk of Prentiss, Miss., came to the Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, Va. to serve as Minister of Music for the summer, fully expecting to leave for the Seminary that fall. So excellent was her contribution to the musical program of that Church and so well liked by the members of that Church that her summer program work has stretched over three years.

She has served as the first Associational Music Director (Peninsula Assoc.) in our history and has brought the musical program of the churches of

the Association to a much higher level.

She will be available for work in Mississippi after a vacation period with her family. We heartily commend her to your state.

R. Furman Kenney,  
Pastor Parkview  
Baptist Church,  
Newport News, Virginia

## LOVE

Isn't it strange that after the apostles had been with Jesus three and one-half years and saw him do many miracles that Jesus asked each of them, "Do you love me?"

There is a lesson in that for us today. We have had many experiences with the great love and power of Jesus but can we say that we really love him more than anyone else?

Love is the all-important thing and we are measured by the amount of love we have for a person or thing. Can we say we really love Jesus?

M. C. Durr  
Brookhaven, Miss.

## Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

### HOW TO GET FAITH BACK?

QUESTION: How does one get his faith back? As a child

I believed in Jesus and the Bible and had no doubts. Now I doubt everything.

I've been emotionally sick for the last few months and have had electrical shock treatments. Now I can't even pray. Please help me.

ANSWER: Emotional illness is a terrific shock to the soul. It may take you a while to get to praying again. If you are still depressed, don't spend much time praying. It will throw you deeper into your depression.

Jesus said, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." (John 7:17). There it is. Do exactly what you believe Jesus would tell you to do and soon you will find faith growing in your heart. Act "as if" you are a Christian, and your faith may return in spite of your doubts. Christ knows your trouble and can help you.

(Address questions to Dr. R. Lofton Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Missouri.)

## YOUTH WEEK AT TATE ST.

Youth Week in Tate Street Church, Corinth, has just ended.

The Married Young People had charge of the morning worship service with four speakers using facets of "Building a Christian Home."

At the Sunday night's service the Single Young People spoke on "Ideals of Christian Character."

During the week an ice cream and cake social was sponsored, honoring the young people.

Rev. M. Glenn Smith is the pastor.

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# Appearance Of Evil

By Dr. Wayne Barton  
Professor New Testament And Greek, New Orleans Seminary

Looks are deceiving. It's true with people. Diminutive Napoleon didn't have the appearance of a world conqueror. Lincoln looked more like the backwoodsman, which he was, all his life than he did like a president. Billy Graham looks more like an All-American athlete than he does a preacher.

But, one may well inquire, "What is a military genius supposed to look like? And a president? And a preacher?" Indeed, looks are deceiving. For normative appearance, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder.

deeds are done in the dark? judged by the other fellow's conscience (1 Cor. 10:29). Moreover, in the passage under consideration Paul probably did not say: "Abstain from all appearance of evil." Rather did he likely say, "Abstain from every form (or species) of evil."

This calls for insight. Every person must exercise judgment for himself. But in this instance, man, like God, must not judge by outward appearance.

The question is not: "Does it look like evil?" But the question is: "Is it evil?" Because, you see, looks are deceiving.

## Boyd Speaker At Historical Meeting

Rev. J. L. Boyd, executive secretary-treasurer, and Curator of Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission is in Nashville, Tennessee, this week attending the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission and Society. He is a charter member of the Society (organized in 1937) and currently the vice-president.

He appears on the program to report on "Provisions Made for the Mississippi Baptist Historical Library" which is housed in the New Library of Mississippi College. This will include a partial description of the Mississippi College Library, particularly that section designated by the college authorities for the Mississippi Baptist Historical Collection and Library, the fireproof vault etc.



SIMMONS MEMORIAL CHAPEL has completed a Vacation Bible School with 70 enrolled, 68 in average attendance, and a faculty of 13 members. There were 18 professions of faith and two rededications. Rev. W. C. Smith, pastor, served as principal of the school which is pictured above. (Photo by R. G. Caldwell, Florida.)



MRS. IRENE PHELPS BREWER, of Drew Baptist Church, right, who has prepared the training books by the Home Study Method, is seen with Mrs. Billy Guthrie, awards secretary, in the State Sunday School Department.

## Prepares Training Books By Home Study Method

Mrs. Irene Phelps Brewer, who recently was awarded her Sunday School Worker's CITATION has done an outstanding piece of work in preparing her training course books by the Home Study Method, according to Bryant Cummings, State Sunday School Secretary.

A member of Drew Baptist Church in Sunflower Association, Mrs. Brewer prepared large notebooks which were attractively illustrated on each page for every home study sent to the Sunday School office. These have been the most unique home study write ups ever received in the Sunday School Department.

## Dutch Baptists Show Increase

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands—(BWA) — A membership increase of 3.36 per cent in 1958 was reported by Rev. T. Jansma, general secretary, when the Dutch Baptist Union met here. Eight new churches have been received into the Union. Membership of Dutch Baptists as of January 1 was 7,933.

There are 50 ordained ministers working among the Baptists of Holland. Dutch Baptist membership has doubled since 1932. Dutch Baptist churches give fifteen to twenty per cent of their financial receipts to the Union for cooperative work, and approximately 100,000 florins (\$36,000) was received by the Union in 1958.

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SHOWN ABOVE is a picture of the Training Union Director, Mrs. Herman Phillips, and the pastor, Rev. Jackie Hamilton of County Line Church, Jones Association, holding the Honor Church Diploma presented to their church for the second year. According to the pastor the program was emphasized and used not as a contest, but as a conquest. It served not as a dictator, but an indicator. The goals set forth in the Honor Church Program have not resulted in a puzzling problem for the church, but in a higher quality training program in all phases of church activity. The enrollment at County Line has doubled during the two year participation period. Attendance has increased, and the general quality of the overall program has reached a higher level. County Line is thankful for the program of the state which helped them to make their Training Union a bigger and better Union.

# Spiritual Migrants

By Carl A. Clark, Professor  
Pastoral Ministry Southwestern Seminary

Rural people formerly were severely isolated from the rest of the people of America. Modern means of transportation and economic factors that have made it necessary for people to move from place to place have created a population on the move. It has been reported that at least one out of every three families moves each year.

## People Move

Because the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention has always been the center of population growth in America there has been a surplus of people in these areas which made it necessary to move to other areas for employment. Consequently, Southern Baptist people have been on the move. People from the small towns and farm areas have gone to the cities in order to get industrial employment. From Kentucky they have gone to Detroit; from Mississippi to Toledo; from Arkansas to California, and so forth.

Many of these people moved originally intending it to be a temporary thing. They thought they would work for a year or two and then return to the old home. In time, however, they found that farm conditions had deteriorated rather than improving, and since they had good economic work it was necessary for them to stay on in the city. Due to these circumstances literally millions of Southern Baptists have left their original homes and moved to neighboring cities or distant states.

## Lost Membership

I was in an open country church where they had 100 resident members and 124 non-resident members. This church in the last 15 to 20 years had lost half of its membership through migration.

When people move they frequently move everything except the church letter. There are several reasons for this. In the current situation many loyal Southern Baptist people move into areas such as Michigan and Ohio where at that time there were no Southern Baptist churches. They probably visited churches but did not feel at home and thus dropped out of church attendance and left the church membership back in the old home church.

Many who came from small town and open country churches went to cities where there was a large difference in the type of church they found. They found that the churches in the city were very different from the small churches but in the new community they found only

## Many Different

These large churches were so different from the small church back home that they failed to fit into it and because it was so strange to them they dropped out of church attendance. Many people moved from the small town or country area where the church was old and stable but moved into a community which was new and ever changing. The churches were new. They were doing things differently; they were in constant bustle of activity which made a strange situation to the people who had been accustomed to a rather routine program. For this reason many people probably never moved their membership.

Much of the loss of church membership, no doubt, has been due to inaccurate church records. One church, for example, which made a thorough restudy of its nonresident church membership found that a good many of the names on the non-resident roll were deceased people. It's not easy to keep up with the deaths of a church roll particularly when it is heavily loaded with non-resident names.

## "Lost" Members

One church in examining its rolls found it had 350 names of people who could not be located in any way. They had reported the 350 people as members but actually could not find them. Another church which surveyed its church roll found that some names which it was carrying on in the inactive list had joined other churches and were active leaders in those churches. The rolls simply had been allowed to become out of date.

This problem has become so acute in recent years that it has been commonly estimated that at least two and one half mil-

lion Southern Baptist members are non-resident. We cannot help but believe that if these people had been thoroughly trained as Southern Baptists they would have continued their active affiliation with a church after they moved to a new community.

## Spiritual Loss

The tragedy of all this is not simply that our church rolls are out of date in many cases and that we have a large list of non-resident church members. The real tragedy is in the spiritual loss which we are experiencing as a denomination. We have developed millions of "spiritual migrants". We have developed a generation of people who have moved from place to place but have never put down spiritual roots in the place where they live.

The spiritual condition of these "spiritual migrants" is tragic. To be sure, the soul may be saved but the Christian life lost. It is wonderful that a person may be redeemed but it is a tragedy when that redeemed person does not invest his life in active and consistent Christian living and service.

Not only is this a loss to the individual person as he misses the rich blessings of consecrated Christian living but it is also a tremendous loss to the Kingdom of God as a whole. These estimates, if true, mean that Southern Baptists have lost nearly a fourth of their total membership. This is a tragically high percentage of loss to usefulness in the Kingdom of God. It means that churches have claimed strength that they do not really have. This is unfortunate to say the least.

## Seek Solution

Now what can we do to correct this problem and to prevent its continuance in the future? First we would say that a church should keep its church roll current. This requires an active and well-trained clerk who will keep alert to all church membership moves both transfer of letter and transfer of residence.

Second, it means that a church should report to the association in annual session only the people it actually has.

Third, a church should make a diligent effort to revive the spiritual migrants that have left its community. These people need Christ and the home church has the best opportunity to encourage them to become active wherever they may live.

Fourth, a church should recognize the importance of church membership and thus train them before they leave the community to have a conviction about carrying active Christian affiliation wherever in the world they may go.

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Although it departs from the style of existing versions, this new translation (from the original Greek) has been enthusiastically endorsed by prominent Protestant clergymen of all denominations. As you read this book, Christ's teaching will become clearer... you and your family will feel a closer bond with the fascinating story of the New Testament. If ever you have found other versions of the Bible difficult to understand... if you would like to read Christ's words as He would speak them to you today... you will want to read this book. The cost is only \$1.00. Visit your local bookstore or write to The Modern Language Company, 60 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

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During Brotherhood Week at Ridgecrest, June 18-24, Dr. Geo. Schroeder, Executive Secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, SBC, gave the following figures to the men attending the conference.

There were 11,657 church Brotherhood organizations in the Convention in 1957. The 1958 records show there were 14,862 organizations which was an increase of 3,205 for the year, 1958. The number of men enrolled in church Brotherhoods totaled

347,187. In 1958, this number had increased to 384,686 which was an increase of 37,499 men during the year, 1958.

Royal Ambassadors has likewise shown growth. In 1957, the record showed there were 9,962 organizations which increased to 12,492 in 1958, showing a growth of 2,570 organizations during 1958. Royal Ambassador membership in 1957 was 162,724. In 1958 this had grown to 197,811, showing an increase of 35,087.

This growth indicates that the men of our churches across the Convention are becoming keenly aware of the privileges of service through Brotherhood work. The growth indicated above is made possible by men and boys in the Convention territory responding to the challenge of the opportunity of service through church Brotherhoods.



# Associational Missions Changes Life Of Churches

By Rev. L. Gordon Sansing  
Secretary Cooperative Missions  
Department

The beginning of an associational missions program in Lafayette-Marshall has made a tremendous change in the life of the churches in the area.

Two churches have been added in Lafayette-North Oxford and Matthews. Many of the churches in this county had one room buildings in 1947. At the present there is only one Cooperative Program giving has increased from \$3,104.99 in 1957 to \$11,217.00 in 1958.

Twenty-one of the 38 churches have had the community survey program led by Rev. John Laney, superintendent of missions. Plans include a Survey in every church field. Denmark Mission has been organized and hopes to get a building erected soon. There are possibilities for three or four missions in the two as-

sociations.

## School of Missions

A School of Missions Program will be held in both Lafayette and Marshall in October of this year.

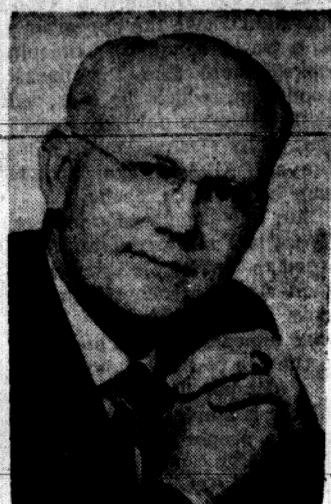
Rev. W. R. Austin brought a report to the Lafayette Association in 1947 in which he advocated a joint mission program with Marshall. A similar report was made to the Marshall Association the next week by Rev. H. H. Aultman.

The Marshall Association voted to participate in this program. A committee of three from each Association was appointed to be responsible for securing a missionary and beginning the program. Rev. Glenn Crawford was chosen and moved on the field early in 1948. He served until he and Mrs. Crawford were killed in an automobile accident in 1951.

## Laney Now Superintendent

The present superintendent of missions is Rev. John Laney. He came from a similar position in Carroll-Montgomery on June 15, 1954. Rev. Laney is married to the former Miss Brookie Wilson. They have four children, one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Laney Boland, and three sons, Buddy, Paul and Bobby, and one grandson, John Laney Boland.

Rev. Laney has held successful pastorates in Texas and Mississippi before coming to the work of Associational Missions. He has served as Superintendent of Missions in the following associations: Prentiss, Calhoun, Carroll-Montgomery, and at present in Lafayette-Marshall. He is a graduate of Clarke Col-



Rev. John B. Laney

lege, Mississippi College, and Southwestern Seminary.

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## NEW CHURCH WAR CLAIMS LEGISLATION IS SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Rep. John W. McCormack (D-Mass.) asked a Congressional committee to approve legislation that will provide an additional \$6,000,000 of compensation to churches in the Philippines which furnished relief and supplies to American forces during World War II.

The congressman said that more than \$4,000,000 would go to Protestant churches whose claims were rejected for technical reasons under previous legislation. A little more than \$1,000,000 would go to Catholic religious orders whose claims similarly failed for technical reasons. Additional claims of Jewish and other religious groups also would be paid.

Approximately \$20,000,000 has already been paid out by the Foreign Claims Commission, largely to Catholic churches in the predominantly Catholic islands.

The legislation was opposed by a spokesman for Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State who said that his organization is just as critical of grants to Protestant churches as it was to similar legislation which largely benefitted Catholic groups.

## Lowell Opposes

Dr. C. Stanley Lowell, associate director of POAU, told a

House Interstate and Foreign Commerce subcommittee. "We oppose church grants from public funds on principle, whatever the Church or Churches that are to be subsidized."

He noted that the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission is opposing enactment of the new claims legislation.

Peyton Ford, former Assistant Attorney General, now engaged in private practice, appeared as principal witness for the Baptist and Church of Christ groups in the Philippines that are seeking passage of the bill (H. R. 4510).

He said one of the major injustices has arisen because these Churches use their buildings for worship or Sunday school on their Sabbath but also for welfare and educational work on weekdays. The Claims Commission held such buildings were not primarily religious in character and ruled out compensation for damage and loss to such structures.

## Pastor Resigns At Duncan

Duncan Church recommends Rev. J. I. Jacobs, whose resignation becomes effective July 31.

The church has prospered materially under his leadership for two and one-half years. The new church has been air-conditioned, parking area constructed, and many teaching helps added. Under his thorough teaching fellowship has been strengthened and the various organizations have expanded. The Training Union has increased and a Brotherhood has been organized.

"Because the exceptionally versatile abilities of this zealous and dedicated young man so well qualify him for the successful performance of his duties as preacher, teacher, or music director, the church commends him for use wherever the will of the Lord may direct," writes W. F. Hardin, church clerk.

## Missionary Speaks At Pastors' Meeting

Dr. Walter Moore, medical missionary to Nigeria, Africa, was guest speaker at the monthly meeting of Baptist pastors of Lebanon Assn at Central Baptist Church.

Rev. E. S. Stallworth, pastor of the Coccol Baptist Church, Panama Canal Zone, who is visiting his sister, Mrs. John E. Barnes Jr., also made a brief talk.



RIDGECREST MUSIC WEEK—A large group from Mississippi attended Church Music Conference at Ridgecrest June 25-July 1. W. C. Morgan, state music secretary, is seen at extreme left.

## "BACKLASH" IS NEW DRAMA IN SBC TELEVISION SERIES

"Backlash" is one of the new dramas in the Southern Baptist television series "This Is The Answer." In this month when much attention is given to weddings, the film is a reminder of one of today's growing family problems... marital infidelity. The drama clearly illustrates how the lack of mutual Christian faith can undermine a family, and how Christian understanding can preserve it in time of trouble.

Bill Hannah is a successful businessman who has an unusually strong, warm bond with his teenage son, Jeff. Carol Hannah often joins her husband and son on fishing and hunting trips at their lake cottage. The seemingly happy family life is carried only by two things.

### Lack of Interest

One is Bill Hannah's lack of interest in church, although he preserves the appearance of church membership. The other is the increasing frequency of his evening business meetings with out-of-town businessmen.

By chance, young Jeff drops by his father's office and suddenly his happy teenage world is shattered. Unknown to his father, Jeff learns that the "business meetings" are long evenings of entertainment. But

they are shared only between Bill Hannah and his pretty secretary who grows more demanding as the affair progresses.

The terrible knowledge drives the boy into a mood of unnatural depression. Then an incident touches off an explosive moment between father and son. The boy reveals his knowledge and flees from the house. Bill Hannah searches for his son and at last finds him at the lake cottage trying desperately to think out the problem.

### Asks Father for Help

The ashamed, repentant father asks his son for help. Bill Hannah realizes that in losing contact with the church, he lost the guidance of the Christian way. He explains that the mess he has made is like the "backlash" which tangles line on a fishing reel. The tangle must be cut away if a fresh start is to be made.

Bill Hannah tells his son that he is ready to ask his wife's forgiveness. He is ready to devote his life to rebuilding the family with the help of Christian understanding from his wife and son, and with the strength of true Christian faith rather than just its outward appearance. Father and son return home to begin anew.



PARTICIPANTS in the G. A. Coronation Service at Van Winkle Church, Jackson, Rev. Herman Milner, pastor, are pictured above.

## 2,500 Atlantans Demonstrate Against Liquor Serving Bowling Alley

ATLANTA, Ga. (RNS)—Singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," more than 2,500 Southside Atlantans staged a prayer-and-protest-meeting here over issuance of a city "pouring license" to a huge bowling alley center and construction in their residential area.

Six ministers and several laymen of various denominations spoke out against a recreational center where mixed drinks could be purchased. Several times applause at the churchmen's remarks erupted from the crowd which overflowed Capital View Baptist church.

The crowd came mostly from 13 churches which suspended regular prayer meetings for the occasion. The mass rally at the 2,500-capacity church opened and closed with strong "old-

fashioned" spiritual singing. A choir composed of more than 60 young people, directed by the Rev. Tom Dixon, led the singing.

### 17 Year Old Sings

A red-headed teenager, Jimmy Ray, 17, member of a local Baptist church, got up to sing youth does not want a bowling center with alcohol.

The Rev. W. H. Rittenhouse, Jr., pastor of Sylvan Hills Baptist church, said ministers and laymen "need to enter politics" if those in office now cannot prevent issuance of a pouring license to a recreational center.

The Rev. Ralph M. Clark, pastor of the church where the meeting was held, commented that it was "tragic" such a rally was needed but "wonderful" that so many came to be counted against this damnable thing."

## Revival Results

Carnation, Okolona: 21 professions of faith, five additions by letter; "a number" of rededications; Rev. Horace Thomas, Belton Church, Lee County, evangelist, Rev. G. C. Johnson, pastor.

## Ruhama Church Honors Pastor

On a recent Sunday night, the members of the Ruhama Church in Noxubee Association surprised their pastor, Rev. Roy Garrison, with a birthday social after Training Union. The congregation presented him with three pictures of Christ. Afterward all enjoyed refreshments of old-fashioned home made ice cream and cake.



WILDWOOD CHURCH, LAUREL, held their annual coronation service, June 17, under the direction of Mrs. Malcolm Cooper, G. A. Director. Shown left to right, front row, Queen with Scepter, Virginia Phillips; Flower girl, Joy Lynn Waters; Scepter Bearer, Mike Pierce; Queen with Scepter, Nelda Cooper; Flower Girl, Betty Lott; Scepter Bearer, Wade Allen Jr.; Queen with Scepter, Emily Martin; Flower Girl, Ann Knight; Scepter Bearer, Ronnie Mills; Queen with Scepter, Ann Massey; Flower Girl, Sammy Gass; Scepter Bearer, Norman Shirley; Queen, Sandra Cooper; Crown Bearer, Brent Rankin; Flower Girl, Rebecca Rouse; Queen, Judy Hicks; Crown Bearer, Larry Hicks; Flower Girl, Kathy Hicks; Queen, Sheila Mackey; Crown Bearer, Barry

Mackey; Flower Girl, Linda Rayner; Second row: Ladies-in-Waiting: Lou Round, Cindy Hollifield, Joyce Meadows, Barbara Allen, Dawn Phillips, Charlotte Davis, Linda Smith, Gay Cooper; Maidens, Patricia Boutwell, Jerry Nell Lovern, Barbara Polson, Kathy Gass; Ladies-in-Waiting, Sherry McLain, Peggy Lowe, Evelyn Rankin, Candace Martin, Brenda Royals, Patricia Byrd, Sheila Price, Judy Cole. Third row: Ushers, Carolyn Smith, Judy Lott, Cheryl Rayner, Carolyn Sanders and Cheryl Price; Princesses, Patty Samrall, Martha Round; Lady-in-Waiting, Rebecca Shirley; Princesses, Dianne Phillips, Judy McLain, Ellen Gass, Ginny Biglano, and Paula Young. The pastor is Rev. J. M. Foy.

## Fifty Years In Gospel Ministry



Rev. A. H. Miller

More than fifty years in the Gospel ministry and still filling a full-time pastorate!

That's the unusual record of the Rev. A. H. Miller of Bonita who also holds the distinction of having preached an average of

a sermon every other day for forty-two years while serving eleven churches during a period of twenty years.

It all began when as a young man of twenty he entered the preparatory department of Mississippi College in September, 1904. There he remained for five years before assuming his first pastorate in Carroll and Holmes counties in 1909, after being ordained by the Clinton Baptist church the year before.

It is conservatively estimated that he has preached more than 10,000 sermons; conducted approximately 500 revival meetings in Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas and Tennessee; baptized over 4,000 converts; performed marriage ceremonies for 450 couples; officiated at 850 funerals; and made 12,000 sick visits since embarking upon his chosen profession.

### Elders of Children

The eldest of five children of the late William M. Miller and Sarah Waller Miller, the minister was born near Whynot on November 19, 1884.

During his ministry, Rev. Miller has served the Mt. Pleasant and Pleasant Ridge churches thirty years each, and the Bethany church, Lauderdale County Association, which incidentally is his home church for twenty-six years. He is now beginning the ninth year as pastor of the Carmel Baptist church.

Always at his side to lend encouragement and assistance as he ministered to others, has been his wife, the former Evie Laura McNeer of Lexington, Mississippi, whom he married August 20, 1911.

On May 31 Carmel Baptist Church honored Rev. Miller on his 50th anniversary as a Baptist pastor. All the services on that day were in his honor with a reception following in the afternoon from 3 till 5.

## Forest Mission Becomes Temple Baptist Church

The Baptist mission in Forest sponsored by the First Church, Rev. Jeff Brantley, pastor, became the Temple Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon.

The organizational meeting came as a climax of a revival held the week previous with Rev. Guy Henderson, missionary to Korea, as evangelist.

The mission was established in 1958. It was aided by the County Association. Coulter is pastor.



## Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance  
Training Union Attendance  
Additions To The Church

JULY 12, 1959	
Aberdeen, First	134
Amory, First	100
Bethlehem (Jones)	133
Biloxi:	
Emmanuel	113
Big Ridge	71
Forest Avenue	46
Booneville, First	130
Bruce, First	107
Byram	164
Calhoun City, First	160
Canton, Center Terrace	123
Charleston, First	74
Clarkdale	128
Clarkdale, Oakhurst	141
Clear Creek (Laf.)	68
Cleveland, Immanuel	96
Cold Springs (Cov.)	70
Collins	129
Columbia, First	214
Corinth, East Street	159
Cowart (Talia)	58
Cruzer	35
Crystal Springs, First	207
Dixie (Labanon)	111
Friendship (Monroe)	107
Florence, First	114
Glenfield (Union)	122
Greenville, Parkview	144
Greenwood, North	93
Grenada, Trinity	137
Gulfport:	
First	246
Grace Memorial	89
Bayou View	175
Hatchery (Jef Davis)	97
Hattiesburg:	
First	212
38th Avenue	134
38th Avenue	134
Bonhome Mission	19
Hebron (Jones)	70
Houston, First	139
Jackson:	
Hilcrest	166
First	150
Highland	184
Daniel	396
Forest	140
Broadmoor	302
Northside	170
Calvary	488
Main	134
Mission	33
Van Winkle	280
Alta Woods	280
Midway	103
Parkway	500
West Jackson	170
Crestwood	167
Ridgecrest	229
Oak Forest	244
Southside	147
Kosciusko:	
First	632
Main	106
Maple Mission	24
Second	106
Laurel:	
Highland	129
Wildwood	131
Second Avenue	158
First	210
Longview (Oktobeha)	125
Lucedale, First	135
Macedonia (Lebanon)	59
Magee:	
East Side	145
First	85
McComb:	
Central	168
South	91
Locust Street	184
Morton, East	80
Moselle Memorial	167
Natchez, First	154
Natchez, Fellowship	202
Natchez, Morgantown	114
New Albany, First	181
Oxford, First	149
Pascagoula:	
Eastlawn	290
Orange Grove	38
First	130
Petal, Crestview	76
Petal-Harvey	168
Main	120
Harvey Mission	50
Picayune, First	104
Main	20
Mission	20
Purvis, First	291
Ripley, First	115
Main	25
Mission	54
Ruth	65
Sharon, First	143
Sherman	50
Soso, First	200
Starkville, First	102
Sumnerland	74
Sumner, First	157
Tupelo:	
Calvary	474
First	182
Forest	182
Union, First	104
West End (Win.)	122
West Point, West End	117
Winona, First	112
Main	125
Mission	20
JULY 5, 1959	
Belhel (Copiah)	127
Biloxi, Big Ridge	111
Canton, Center Terrace	107
Clear Creek (Laf.)	91
Corinth, DeKalb	37
Charlton	124
Gulfport, Gulf Gardens	82
Hattiesburg, Main St.	343
Main	373
North Main	31
Wayside	59
Hernando	75
Longview	75
McComb, Navilla	121
McComb, Locust St.	137
Magee, East Side	178
Mendenhall, First	161
Natchez, Morgantown	194
Moselle	139
Sumrall, First	134
West Point, First	475

## Blessings For Alien Ruth

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

Scripture Text: Ruth.  
Printed text: Ruth 1:19-2:2;  
4:13-17.

**INTRODUCTION** Thank the Lord for the Book of Ruth. We're it not in our Bible we would have nothing in the book of Judges, the only book we have giving information on that long period of some 300 years, to tell us that there was God's kindness in the world, that mercy was in cases extended to the needy, and kindness was bestowed upon strangers. But, we have in this wonderful little book proof positive that God's goodness had not fled the human breast.

Who wrote it? Do not know. Someone after the period of the Judges. Some think Samuel, some David, we just do not know. Period if dated, 1,100 or 1,300 years ago.

A marvelous book from different viewpoints of which a score of rich lessons may be learned. Our committee has well named the lesson, "Blessings for an Alien." Let that name stand. It is the subject of this lesson. The book sets forth the care and love and blessing of God which He expects of you. His child, upon the "stranger that is within thy gates," the alien who has made your land his home.

**I. SORROW OF NAOMI.** (Name means pleasantness) During a time of famine in Judea she had gone down with her husband and two sons into the land of Moab in order to find food. Her husband had died in that land, her two sons had married Moabite maidens and they too had died after a family residence in Moab for a period of about ten years.

Thus, Naomi was left alone in a strange land, her issue cut off and no one of her kindred left alive. She had left in the world only two daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth. When Naomi heard that Judah was prosperous again and that there was bread in Bethlehem, she returned to this town and her acquaintances of earlier years.

Sorrow had so marred her countenance and hearing that those who had formerly known her asked one another the question, "Is this Naomi?" She responded, "Call me not Naomi! (Pleasantness) but call me 'Mara' (Bitterness)." For the Lord has dealt very bitterly with me.

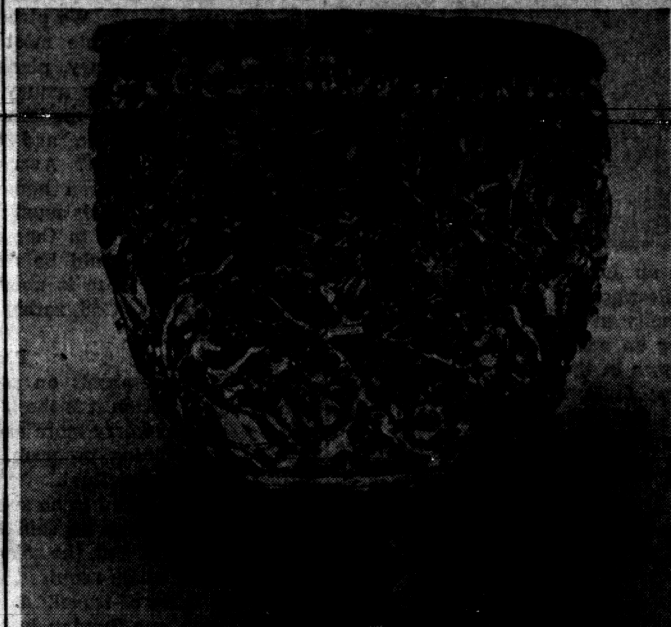
**II. A LOYALTY THAT ENDURED TRIAL.** Upon the occasion of her leaving Moab, Naomi had advised her daughters-in-law to return each to her girlhood home. She hoped they would both marry again and raise children for themselves. Orpah acted upon her suggestion and went back, but Ruth, in one of the most beautiful declarations of friendship ever uttered, declared she would cleave to her mother-in-law.

So, the old woman and the young trudged the 120 miles back to the little town of Bethlehem where Ruth undertook to support her mother-in-law by gleanings the barley fields after the reapers and bearing her gleanings home to share with the mother-in-law.

**III. THE KINSMAN REDEEMER.** When Elimelech, husband of Naomi, took her and his sons and left Judah, he left his inherited land behind and it had gone to creditors. Whoever would buy that land must redeem the widow, Ruth, with the land, become her husband and rear children unto the deceased husband, children who should bear his name and perpetuate his family.

This kinsman redeemer was found in a wealthy man named Boaz who redeemed that which had been sold away and became, thereby, one of the favorite types of Christ. But, all of that which he did, this Boaz, grew out of a spirit and attitude of friendliness toward the stranger in his fields, and attitude of sympathy for a stranger in sorrow in a strange land.

He stands forever as an illustration of the sympathy of God for the needy and an example of how God would have His people care for the strangers within their gates. It is after this example that the Lord



**OLDEST KNOWN CHRISTIAN CHALICE**—(New York)—The Chalice of Antioch, the oldest known in Christendom, is said to have been discovered by Arab well-diggers near Antioch, Syria, almost 50 years ago. Dating from the fourth or possibly fifth century, the 7½-inch high carved silver cup is now on display at the Cloisters branch of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. On its outer case symbolic grape vines entwined two central figures, apparently of Jesus in his youth and after the Resurrection, and 10 seated men with scrolls hailing him. An inner cup, no longer believed to be the Holy Grail used by Christ and his disciples at the Last Supper, has a capacity of more than two quarts.—(RNS Photo).



### 1959-60 CALENDAR READY

The 1959-60 Mississippi Sunday School Department Calendar of Activities will be ready for distribution within a few days. All associational officers, missionaries, pastors, educational directors and others should receive this informative sheet.

### CHURCH STUDY COURSE TRANSFER BLANKS AVAILABLE FOR CHURCHES

Form 153 is now available in our office for churches desiring to begin their transfer of names from the current Sunday School Training Course to the Church Study Course for Teaching and Training, effective October 1, 1959. Form 153 is the blank to be used to "request a transfer of book awards." Each form 153 contains spaces for twenty-three (23) individual names. Specific and detailed instructions are found on each Form 153. Many churches will want to secure these forms now in order to have this preliminary paper work ready by October 1.

### FORM 153 SHOULD NOT BE MAILED TO THE NASHVILLE TRAINING AWARDS OFFICE BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1959.

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would have native white Americans act, whose forebears not so long ago were aliens in a strange land. Our lesson committee has intended for us to learn from this marvelous little book the manner in which we should receive these strangers from foreign lands and help them to become profitable citizens of this country.

**IV. PROGENY OF THE ALIEN.** Ruth, the Moab maiden from over the hills and far away, became a direct ancestor of our Lord: the mother of Obed, the father of Jesse, the father of David the king. The favorite title of our Lord for himself was Son of Man. In character He was no more Jew than He was Gentile. There flowed in His veins the blood of the Moabites, a people despised by the Jews.

Our Lord was not the Son of one tribe, but the Son of Man. We find in His ancestry also the blood of Rahab, the harlot of Jericho. What I am saying is, that it behooves us to assume and maintain a spirit of friendliness to the children of all races of people; because of the blood of all races of people flowed in the veins of our Saviour, the Son of Man.

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## Off The Record

"Say, waiter, I ordered strawberry shortcake and you brought me a plate of strawberries. Where is the cake?"

Well, suh, that is what we is short of.

A man in an insane asylum sat fishing over a flower bed. A visiting psychologist student wishing to be friendly asked, "How many have you caught?" And the fisherman replied, "You're the ninth."

Little Shoe — "Why is that little shoe crying?" "Because his mother is a sneaker and his father a loafer." — Baptist and Reflector

"How close did it come to you?" asked the farmer, driving up to the tree where his hired man had taken shelter from an electrical storm.

"Well," stammered the hired man, "I don't know, but my pipe wasn't lit before."

Two bunnies just narrowly escaped from being shot by a hunter, sat trembling together in a hollow log.

"What a life," moaned one. "You can say that again," affirmed the other. "You're here today and gone tomorrow."

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**JUST LIKE JESUS**—by Mattie Bell Allen

**BAPTIST BOOK STORE**

## Nonagenarian Turns First Spade

Tangipahoa Church, at an early morning service, Sunday, June 21, held its ground-breaking exercises under the oaks on the new building site near the old church building. I. M. Bales, 91 years old oldest member of the church, deacon, and teacher in the church for many years, turned the first spade of earth.

Rev. M. F. Wicker, pastor, led in the service which marked the beginning of the building program of a new church and educational building. It will be a one-story, wood-framed, brick-veneered, structure containing almost 60,000 square feet of floor space. Construction will begin within the next few days.

## Woman's Missionary Union

President—MRS. J. T. LYONS McComb  
Executive Secretary—MISS EDWINA ROBINSON  
YWA Director—MISS MARJEAN PATTERSON  
GA Director—MISS WILLA DEAN FREEMAN  
Sunbeam Director—MRS. ROBERT SMIRA

Dick and Opal Miller write of the work in Alaska.

In answer to "What are your needs?" They tell of some of them—

The ground for our new mission at Kwiguk has been cleared of willows. (Kwiguk is pronounced kweeg-uk, with a u as in up, or more correctly kweeyuk, with the y almost silent.) The village has about 300 people and more than that in the summer.

Five miles away is another village with the same number of people and near-by, quite close are three other villages. We will be expanding our work as soon as possible to include at least a mission in the nearest village of Alakanuk.

Dick really has a hard job ahead of him. Please do pray for him. He has set a precedent for himself by building the small chapels up in the Kotzebue area. Now, this home and chapel is quite an undertaking and he feels so inadequate for

the job. I'm afraid some day he's going to have to put his foot down and say "No more building, please." We are so much looking forward to our new home and know we will even do better missionary work with a more comfortable place to live.

We would certainly be delighted if someone would be able to help with either the organ or the movie projector or both. Actually we feel that one is just as important as another.

As for the organ, the type you had sent to Selawik and Kook would be perfect for us at Kwiguk. I think that was one of the nicest little organs I had ever seen. And if any of the folk can help with these two needs of course we will be very appreciative.

(Anyone desiring to have a part in this, may send it to the WMU Office, indicating it is to apply on the organ or the projector).

## Evio De Oliveira Resigns Position

Evio C. De Oliveira, music and educational director of 38th Avenue Baptist Church has resigned, Rev. V. C. Windham, pastor, announced. He went to the church three years ago as minister of music and later assumed his other duties.

Mr. and Mrs. De Oliveira, their daughter, Edla Ann, and son, Evio II, will move to the campus of the New Orleans Seminary. He will be music Director at Rio Vista Baptist Church, New Orleans.

At the close of the evening worship, June 5, a farewell party was given in honor of the De Oliveiras. Parting gifts were presented. Church members and friends were invited.

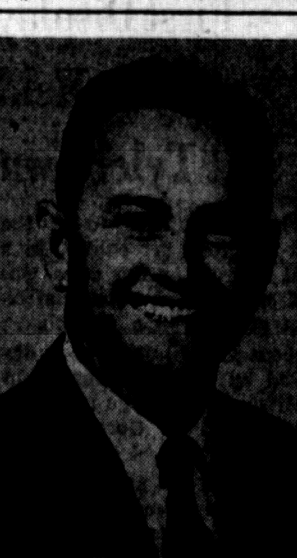
During Mr. De Oliveira's tenure at the church, a String Ensemble, Junior Choir, Ladies' Chorus and Young Men's Quartet were organized.

## Tupelo, First, Sets New SS Policy

On Wednesday evening July 8 at the regular church business meeting the First Church, Tupelo, adopted as its policy age basis grading for its Sunday School.

This decision came as a result of several meetings with the church and Sunday School leaders. Rev. J. N. Causey is pastor; Karl E. Seepie is Minister of Education.

## THE BAPTIST RECORD KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.



R. W. BOYT

## Ordained

The Union Church, Lincoln Association, has ordained R. W. Boyt, above, to the gospel ministry. He is pastor of the Pleasantdale Church near Philadelphia, and a student at Clarke College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Boyt of Rt. 4, Brookhaven.

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## Misplaced Emphasis

By REV. VERNON MAY, Pastor  
First, Louisville

We are living in a time when we major on minor things, when we place emphasis on unimportant things; therefore, we do not experience the deeper joys of our Christianity.



We place emphasis on wealth—money. We devote most of our time and efforts making money, planning and scheming ways to make more money, and conniving ways to keep it. The modern motto is, "Make a lot, make it quick, and then quit and enjoy it." Enjoy what? Avarice and greed has caused many broken homes and lives. The Christian emphasis must not be on possessing things as an end in themselves, but material possessions should be dedicated to the Kingdom of God and shared with those in need. Life is abundant just to the degree that it makes God, rather than gold, the object of hope, desire, and affection.

### Pleasure

We place emphasis on pleasure. Pleasure in itself is not wrong, but too often it is the love or lust of pleasure that crushes us. We seem to worry more about a church recreational program than a soul-winning program. Our first love is for the Social rather than the Spiritual.

A man was asked to be superintendent of the Sunday School but refused because he said he had neither the time nor the leadership ability. Yet, the same year, he accepted the presidency of a civic club which required more time, many speaking engagements, and miles of travel. A woman refused to arrange flowers in the church one Sunday in the year because she had neither the time nor the flowers. The same year, she was chairman of her garden club's flower show and spent \$25.00 for flowers to make her own arrangements. Our pleasure outside of the church so occupy our time that we do not have opportunity to enjoy the real pleasures which are obtained only through the full life lived in Christ Jesus.

### Recognition

We place emphasis on recognition. We all like the spotlight. But Jesus said, in substance, "Blessed are those who are not pushers and shovers, but who obtain recognition because of their humility." There is the woman who quit the church choir because she was never asked to sing a solo, and the man, a gifted teacher, who quit the Sunday School because he was not re-elected to his class even though he was absent seven Sundays in succession without making arrangements for a substitute teacher. Christ takes note of our motive. He gives the real recognition.

God's word says, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." (Col. 3:2) "Whosoever, therefore, will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." (James 4:4).

Do you major on major things?

## TELEVISION PROFANITY TERMED AS DISREGARD FOR DECENCY

MCKINNEY, Tex. (BP)—Increased use of profanity in dramatic network television productions has been attacked as a "total disregard for decency and a violation of the sanctity of our homes" by the McKinney Ministerial Alliance.

A letter mailed to several denominational groups in the U. S. urged viewers to protest the use of profanity on television by writing the networks.

The protest particularly labelled the Columbia Broadcasting System's "Playhouse 90" presentation of "The Rank and File," a drama on corrupt labor union practices.

## Lowrey Family Reunion Planned

On July 17, 18, and 19, approximately 100 members of the Lowrey Family will gather on the campus of Blue Mountain College for the 1959 Reunion.

The preceding Reunion was held in the summer of 1935. Janie Lowrey Graves from her Mission Post in China where she had served for many years.

The Lowrey Family, made up of lineal descendants of Adam Lowrey and Margaret Doss and all marital additions and connections, will arrive on the campus of the College founded in 1873 by General M. P. Lowrey. They will come from coast to coast for the Reunion, and it is entirely fitting that the Reunion be held in Blue Mountain. Blue Mountain College has had only four Presidents, all of them members of the Lowrey Family. The present President, Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, is a grandson of the founder.

Included in the Family are ministers, doctors, missionaries, lawyers, ministers of music, secretaries, college professors, college presidents, public school teachers, military officials, electrical engineers, interior decorators, merchants, salesmen, authors, poets, deacons, rotarians,

college, seminary, and hospital trustees, and many other outstanding representations.

### To Gather at Church

On Sunday morning, July 19, at 11:00 o'clock, members of the Family, along with all regular members of the First Baptist Church, and all visiting friends, will gather in the church, named for and in honor of General and Mrs. M. P. Lowrey for a special worship service, at which time Dr. John H. Buchanan of Birmingham, husband of the former Baby Lowrey, will bring the message.

One child of General M. P. Lowrey is still living. He is Joseph Johnston Lowrey, 93 years of age. During the feature programs of the week end, "Uncle Joe," as he is known to all of his friends, will be a central and useful figure.

## Maryland Plans Survey of Work

BALTIMORE — (BP) — The Maryland Baptist State Mission Board voted here to authorize a survey of the work of Maryland Baptists by a committee of six appointed by the president of the board.

The committee's assignment is "to try to anticipate the needed progress and development of Maryland Baptists and to endeavor to balance this progress with the purposes, best interests, and resources of our state."

A report of findings and recommendations is to be made to the state mission board. The board will make such recommendations as it deems wise to the state association.

The action came as a recommendation of the board's executive committee. Serving ex-officio on the survey committee will be the president of the board, Rowland McD. Ness of Baltimore; the chairman of the executive committee, J. A. Bearden of Baltimore; and Roy D. Gresham, Baltimore, executive secretary, Maryland Baptist Union Association.

## Scout Information Center Proposed

LOUISVILLE — (BP) — A world "Baptist Scout Information Center" proposal was discussed at a meeting of the Association of Southern Baptists for Scouting here.

The group, which has no official tie with the Southern Baptist Convention, voted to bring the proposal to the attention of the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

The association includes Southern Baptists interested in Boy Scout units sponsored by local Baptist churches. Joe C. Carrington, Austin, Tex., layman, is chairman of the association.

"Boys want Scouting and should get it under the sponsorship of our churches," Carrington said.



THE GROUND was broken on June 21, for the new buildings of Verona Church. The following day work was begun on the new sanctuary, seating capacity over 500. This is the first building in a plan that calls for an additional two educational buildings to be constructed. Shown in the picture, left to right: C. C. Mattox, Chairman trustees; A. D. Towery, deacon; T. O. Cobb, deacon; Beryl M. Bailey, Supt. of Sunday School; John A. Ballard, Chairman of deacons; C. D. Estes, deacon; Owen L. Dye, deacon; and Rev. Richard F. Adkinson, pastor, breaking the ground.



JUNE 21, a G. A. Coronation Service, theme "The Light Of The World," was held at East Philadelphia Church, Rev. Ralph E. Brady, pastor. Seated, left to right: Mrs. Doris Gray, pianist; Mrs. James Bishop and Mrs. Ellis Skinner, G. A. Counsellors; Mrs. Ralph Brady, WMU President; Mrs. Ollie Hardy and Mrs. Bessie Herrington, Reviewing Council. The Queen is Nancy Hardy; five Maidens, Jerry Edwards, Lynda Gray, Gloria Williamson, Brenda White, Charlotte Anderson; one Lady-in-Waiting, Judy Skinner; three Princesses, Judy Marshall, Jeannie Nicholson, Nancy Hardy.

DALLAS — (BP) — Eighteen outstanding Latin-American students from throughout the state have been awarded college scholarships by the Baptist General Convention of Texas in a meeting here.

PINEVILLE, La. — Trustees of Louisiana College, Pineville, La., will name the school's new fine arts building (now under contract) Weathersby Hall, in honor of Dean Emeritus H. M. Weathersby who served the college for 45 years.



SEMINARY GRADUATES—Among the 47 candidates for degrees and diplomas at the summer commencement program July 24 at New Orleans Seminary are six students from Mississippi. They are, top row, from left, Homer B. Nail, Grenada, H. Duane Ivey, Kosciusko, and Dewitt Pickering, Taylorsville, all bachelors of divinity; bottom row, from left, Harold J. Bennett, B. D., Corinth; Ronald W. L. Mills, M. R. E., Forest, and Luther G. Camp Jr., B. D., Krole. Dr. George W. Harrison, professor of Bible and philosophy of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., will deliver the principal address and Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, Seminary president, will present the degrees and awards. This brings to 220 the number of graduates for the seminary during the 1958-59 school year.

## Leaders Laud Summerfield

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Religious leaders here praised Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield for his vigorous enforcement of anti-obscenity laws.

Chairman Tom Murray (D, Tenn.) of the House Post Office Committee placed statements from Lutheran, Methodist, and Catholic leaders in the Congressional Record in reply to criticism which has been voiced over the Postmaster's General's decision to bar the unexpurgated edition of "Lady Chatterley's Lover" from the mails.

Rep. Murray also pointed out that "it is not the Postmaster General who says obscene material should not be sent through the mail—it is the law and the courts which have said this."

Statements praising the Postmaster General were made by Dr. Carly F. Reuss, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance and chairman of the interdenominational Churchmen's Commission for Decent Publications; and Martin H. Work, executive director of the National Council of Catholic Men.



MISSISSIPPIANS AT RIDGECREST—Most of those from Mississippi who attended first Training Union Week at Ridgecrest Assembly seem to be having a good time as they pose for the photographer.

## Graham Needed There, Arkansas Editor Says

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP)—Noting the time of his arrival is mid-September, the editor of the Arkansas Baptist here wrote a special word of welcome to Evangelist Billy Graham.

Graham will be in the Arkansas capital city Sept. 12-13 for preaching engagements. September is the traditional time for opening of schools, and Little Rock is being watched

especially since its public high schools were closed last year because of the integration question.

"Whether or not the improvement in the Little Rock situation of the last few weeks is to continue, and what the situation will be by mid-September, only God knows," Editor Erwin L. McDonald said. "But the greater evidence of man's depravity and of his inhumanity to his fellow man, the greater the preaching of a Billy Graham is needed."

### Has Special Anointing

"This is not to imply that Little Rock is destitute of spiritual leadership," McDonald continued. "But Billy Graham, though he preaches the same gospel that is preached consistently from the pulpits of our city, and though he is called by the same God who has called countless thousands of others, apparently has a special anointing of the Holy Spirit."

McDonald reported that the evangelist was originally scheduled to appear in Little Rock for three weeks in August, but that this was cancelled "on the counsel of the local Graham crusade committee of ministers and Christian businessmen and

because of the race situation." The Arkansas Baptist is weekly publication of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, with offices in Little Rock.

## Jackson Returns From Ceylon Study

Dr. Herbert C. Jackson, professor of missions and comparative religion, will be back at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, on July 14, after a year of special study and travel in the Orient.

The last stop Dr. Johnson and his family will make enroute home will be in Maxwell, Nebraska, his boyhood home-town, which he has not visited since 1937. He was converted and baptized in the Maxwell Baptist Church and had his first pastoral experience — that of interim pastor — there during the summer of 1937.

Dr. Jackson last summer was awarded a Faculty Fellowship Award from the American Association of Theological Schools and the Sealantic Fund. He was one of 22 American scholars to receive such an award.



KOSCIUSKO SERVICE—The G. A.'s of First Church, Kosciusko were recognized during G. A. Focus Week in a Presentation Service. The members participating are pictured above. Mrs. Ben Scarborough presented the girls using the theme "Following the Star." Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman is pastor. Mrs. Gene McClure, Sr. is W. M. U. president; Mrs. Elmo Chapman, Mrs. Robert Hammond, and Mrs. Ben Scarborough are counselors.

## Pharmacy School Joins With Mercer

MACON, Ga. — (BP) — The Southern College of Pharmacy in Atlanta will become a school of Mercer University on July 1.

Trustees of the pharmacy school made the final step when they voted to consummate the merger with the Baptist institution here.

The Mercer board of trustees had already approved the merger. The merger will entail a transfer of the charter and all assets of the Southern College of Pharmacy to Mercer. The pharmacy school will continue to operate in Atlanta.

Spright Dowell, acting president of Mercer, said Mercer trustees approved the merger because they believe it to be mutually helpful to both schools.

"We have long been aware of the excellent service of the Southern College of Pharmacy, and are pleased that it is to become a part of Mercer."

## First Display Of Art Held At Tylertown

What is believed to be the first religious art exhibit in a local church in the state was held on a recent Sunday afternoon at Tylertown Church.

About 25 paintings were displayed by the Art Department of Mississippi College under direction of Sam Gore, department head.

More than 100 people turned out to study the display and good interest prevailed.

The paintings were done by the students and faculty of the Department and local artists were asked to contribute their paintings also.

This particular display was sponsored by the church, Rev. Robert Ledbetter, pastor, and the Tylertown Times.

## H. P. McCormicks Visit In Summit

Rev. and Mrs. H. P. McCormick, missionaries in the Hawaiian Islands, were recent speakers at the Church in Summit.

Rev. McCormick preached at the Sunday evening hour, telling of his work as principal of the Baptist Academy there.

Mrs. McCormick spoke to the Training Union assembly on her work as a missionary-nurse in West Africa where they previously served. Rev. Drew Jerry Gunnells is pastor.

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## Speakers For Bible Week At Glorieta Ready

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — Speakers at the Southern Baptist Convention-wide Bible Conference August 6-12 at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. M., include these Baptist leaders: Norman W. Cox, Executive Secretary, Southern Baptist Convention Historical Commission, Nashville, Tenn.; J. Lyn Elder, professor, Pastoral Psychology, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif.; Nolan P. Howington, associate professor of preaching, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; W. C. Hultgren, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.; C. W. Scudder, professor of Christian Ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.; Frank Staggs, professor of New Testament and Greek, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, La.; Bill Sutter, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex.; and E. H. Westmoreland, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

Dr. Hultgren will give noon-day messages on Bible doctrines. Dr. Staggs will conduct a one-hour period daily on Bible expositions. Evening and worship services will be led by Dr. Westmoreland.